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In re Application of	:	
Tanaka, et al.	:	
Application No. 10/779,628	:	ON PETITION
Filed: February 18, 2004	:	
Attorney Docket No. 248863US6	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed January 10, 2008.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

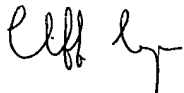
The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 1, 2006. This Office action set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No issue fee having been received, the application became abandoned on November 2, 2007. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 30, 2007. Applicants filed a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment on December 4, 2007. Applicants stated that they did not receive the Notice of Allowance, which was asserted to have been sent electronically. However, the petition was dismissed in a decision mailed on December 26, 2007. The petition pointed out that a review of the file indicated that the Notice of Allowance was sent via regular mail.

As pointed out on renewed petition, the undersigned has conferred with Tony Uranga, Program Analyst with SIRA, who confirmed that the August 1, 2006 Notice of Allowance was electronically delivered on November 30, 2006, after the statutory period for replying thereto had already expired.

In view thereof, the petition is granted.

The matter is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2617 for re-delivery of the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability, setting a new period for reply.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cliff Congo".

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